LAND REVENUE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Sir, I rise to move for a supplemental grant of Rs. 5,328, under the Demand Land Revenue. The demand is made up off two items. First is for the appointment of a special staff of a clerk on Rs. 25, and a copyist on Rs. 15 per mensem, for a period of 4 months, in the Kottayam Division Cutcherry, to attend to land acquisition work. The expenditure for this comes to Rs.160. The second is for the appointment of a special staff for the revision of the Land Revenue Manual, the expenses allotted for this being Rs. 5,168.

Land acquisition work in the Kottayam Division is heavy. Prior to 1098, this work was done by the Division Assistants in their respective Divisions. Since then, the work was transferred to Dewan Peishkars. There has been considerable accummulation of work in the Kottayam Division, partly on account of the opening of ryots' roads. Recently, for the broadening of the Cochin-Shoranur Railway, some lands have been acquired by our Government and in that connection, the Peishkar, Kottayam, has reported that 1,000 cases of land acquisition have to be dealt with in his office. In order to expedite matters and to relieve the hardships of the people, to whom compensation is due, the Peishkar has requested that, for a period of four months, his office staff might be strengthened.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know, who is to pay money for the acquisition of lands?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The Cochin Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : So, the expenditure of the staff also will be met by the Cochin Government.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : No. Only the cost of the field staff will be met by the Cochin Government.

MR CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : What about the expenses in connection with the land acquisition officer's staff?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : That is only a very small item. The additional staff is not required solely for the acquisition of land for the Cochin Railway ; there is general congestion of work in the Peishkar's office and the additional staff is required to bring up the arrears of that office.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : What exactly stands in the way of distribution of this work among the Division Assistants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Prior to the reorganisation of 1098, the work was attended to, by the Division Assistants.

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MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Is not the land acquisition work referred to by the member, mainly concerned with ryots' roads ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I said, partly for the opening of ryots' roads and partly for acquisition of lands in connection with the railway.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): For the use of ryots' roads, will not land be got free of cost ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Usually to ensure security of tenure, lands are taken under the Land Acquisition Regulation.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): വില കൊടുക്കാതെയോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Nominal compensation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When was the necessity felt ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Even last year ; but as the matter is one which requires the sanction of the Assembly, the Government have come forward with this demand.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, what was the difficulty for not including it in the last budget ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That was because the proposal came too late for that.

The second part of the demand is for the creation of a special staff for the revision of the Land Revenue Manual This is a matter which is long over-due. The Land Revenue Manual consists of five volumes, of which the first three books are intended to be used as books of reference. These volumes with their supplements comprised all the Regulations, Proclamations Rules and Standing Orders relating to land revenue matters as they stood at the time of their compilation. Of these the first volume which contains the whole body of Regulations, Proclamations and Statutory Rules has been brought up only to the close of 1926. The second volume, which contains the departmental rules and standing orders, has been brought up to 1928. The third volume, which is intended as a code of instructions for the administration of the department has not been revised ever since it was first issued in 1915. It is quite obvious that, for the administration of a big department like the Land Revenue Department, it is absolutely necessary that all Rules, Standing Orders, Instructions etc., must be up-to-date. In fact, nobody in the department now knows what the last rule on a subject is. Since the last revision of these volumes, there have been innumerable revisions, additions and amendments to the Rules, but they have not been incorporated, so that the books cannot be taken as a reliable guide in the working of the department. A revision of the Manual is thus an urgent necessity Such an up-to-date compilation is not only useful to the officers of the Revenue Department, but it will be useful also to the public and the vakils appearingin land revenue cases.

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MR. PUTHUPLLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know will not the book be useful for the officers of Government? The member has left out that.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I mentioned that.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know why the member has left out that.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I said first that it is useful for the day-to-day administration of the Revenue Department. Now, what is propossed to be done is to bring the first two volumes up-to-date and then proceed to recast the whole of the third volume, somewhat on the lines of the Standing Orders of the Board of Revenue, Madras. Our object is that, in future, amendments will be carried out by means of correction slips as is being done to the T. S. R. Only by that method can we keep the books up-to-date. It is only when the books are complete in their essentials that the administration of the department could be carried on efficiently.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): The member said that such a compilation was long over-due. May I know what prevented Government from including it in the last year's budget?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The matter had not been settled then.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): But it was long over-due.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It ought to have been done long ago. But the fact that it has not been done so far does not mean that we should delay it further.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഡിവിഷൻ അസിസ്റ്റൻറിനേയോ അതല്ല തഹശീൽദാരുടേയോ ആരുടെ ഗ്രേഡിലുള്ള ഒരുദ്യോഗസ്ഥനെകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇതു നടത്തണമെന്ന് വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): We will select a man who is fully conversant with revenue matters, and who has an intimate knowledge and experience of the department.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഇതു അഫീഷ്യലായിരിക്കണമെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്, അതല്ല നാൺ അഫിഷ്യലായിരിക്കണമെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The question of the personnel is under consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്കെഴുതിയ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ഒരു തഹശീൽദാരുടെ ഗ്രേഡിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനെയാണ് ഇതിലേക്കു നിയമിക്കേണ്ടതെന്നു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) That is a confidential matter.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You need not answer that.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) ഇതിന് ശേഷിയും പരിചയവുമുള്ള തഹശീൽദാരന്മാർ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുണ്ടെന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I do not see how it arises.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ജോലി നിർവഹിക്കാൻ ശേഷിയും പരിചയവുമുള്ള തഹശീൽദാരന്മാർ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുണ്ടെന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ ഡിമാൻഡ് അനുവദിക്കുന്ന സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ഇതെല്ലാം ആലോചനാവിഷയമാക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: At the present stage of the discussion, that question does not arise.

MR. K. R. ELANKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will not an officer of a Tahsildar's grade be sufficient for the work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is all a question of personnel and that might be left to the Government. They will choose the best man for the work.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഏതു ഗ്രേഡിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനാണ് ഇതിലേക്കു വേണ്ടതെന്നു നിശ്ചയിക്കാതെ ഈ സംഖ്യ എങ്ങിനെയാണ് നിശ്ചയിച്ചത്?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): How is he again eligible for putting questions?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: A member is at liberty to put questions in the course of another member's speech.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഏതു സ്റ്റാറാസ്സിലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനാണ് ഈ ജോലി നിർവഹിക്കേണ്ടതെന്ന് ആദ്യമായി ആലോചിക്കാതെ ഈ സംഖ്യ ക്ലിപ്തപ്പെടുത്തിയതെങ്ങിനെയാണെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There has been some understanding on the point.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഈ "understanding" എന്തായിരുന്നു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): A man may be selected who may have to be paid Rs. 200 or Rs. 250 a month.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : അതു് ലാൻഡ് റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുള്ള തഹശീൽദാരുടെ ഗ്രേഡിലുള്ള ആളായിരിക്കണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറാലോചിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That has not been settled.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സെറിൽ ചെയ്യാ എന്നല്ല ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചതു്. ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു ദയവായി പറയുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Many things have been considered. Whether it is not desirable to have an officer of ripe experience in the department or whether it is enough to have an officer of the standing of a Division Assistant or whether an officer of a Tahsildar's grade is sufficientall these are also under consideration and the matter could be settled only later on.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know what is the monthly payment that is intended to be given to the person ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): About Rs. 250 per mensem.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): If that is the idea of Government, then may I take it that the qualifications that the officer should possess for this special work have also been fixed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have already said that a man who has intimate knowledge of the Rules and Regulations and who is conversant with the working of the department will be chosen. The man selected must also be able to write well.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Then may I take it that such a qualified person could be had for Rs. 200 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): We hope so.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is it only a hope then?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Have the Government put the matter to the test ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): About the question of obtaining a person on Rs. 250?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT; That has been answered. Government do not anticipate any difficulty in that. Why should you be anxious?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Not that I am anxious. Not at all; I am only asking for information.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The matter is still under consideration.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know why the Government fixed his remuneration when they did not think of the person to be selected?

MR K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Government might have thought of it. But they have not made up their minds.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know how far that thougt has been fulfilled?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Such cross-examination is disallowed.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): The member said that the Government have not made up their minds, but they have thought of it. So it is I ask, may I know who are the gentlemen that were thought of?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The matter is confidential.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*); How has that become so?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question of personnel is confidential.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to take it that the author of the Revenue Manual would be secretly engaged and that his name would not be published?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He will be selected by the Government.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I rise to a point of order. If a grant is to be a supplementary one, it has to satisfy two conditions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are too late for that. If you wanted to prevent a discussion, you ought to have raised this point at the beginning.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഇതെയും തുപാ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതും റവന്യൂമാന്വൽ നിർമ്മിക്കുന്ന കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിനുമാത്രമാണോ അതോ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു നൽകേണ്ട പ്രതിഫലം കൂടി ചേർത്തിട്ടാണോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) Purely for salaries.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഇതിനു എത്ര തുപാ ചിലവാകുമെന്നു കണക്കു കൂട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. C. V. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*) : ഈ ജോലിയുടെ സ്വഭാവം നോക്കി ഇതുയും ശ്രമപാ ചിലവുവരുമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചതാണോ അതല്ല വേല ചെയ്യുന്ന ആളിന്റെ സ്വഭാവം നോക്കി ഈ തുക നിശ്ചയിച്ചതാണോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The remuneration to be paid to the staff has been more or less fixed.

MR. C. V. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*) : ഗവണ്മെൻറിനും ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഒരുപോലെ ആവശ്യമുള്ള ഈ മാതിരി ഗ്രന്ഥം നിർമ്മിക്കേണ്ടതു അത്യാവശ്യമല്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Certainly. This is for selection of suitable men with suitable staff, and the whole cost is estimated at Rs. 5,160.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know from the member the length of the time for which the staff has to work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : It would be about a year and a half.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know whether the figure arrived at here is for that period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The figure now given is for 8 months, this year. The amount that we will be spending will be something less than that, because we may not be able to appoint the staff immediately.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : That is not what I am concerned with. I want to know the total cost for this work, till it is finished.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The amount now provided for is for 8 months. The work may be finished within a year and a half. So a little over twice this amount, or about Rs. 12,000 or so, may be required.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : So, Sir, am I to understand that this will be work enough for a special officer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : I will explain. It is many years since the Land Revenue Manual has been printed and thereafter several amendments have been made and the changes have to be brought in the Manual itself.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Am I to understand from this statement that the Land Revenue Commissioner has not been arranging the correction slips received from Government from time to time in a regular manner. Is there not a separate file?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The corrections are kept in a separate file. If you read the Land Revenue Manual, you will not know whether a rule or order has been revised or not.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : I wish to know whether the amendments are arranged in the order of the subjects.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : I am not saying how it is arranged now. I am saying that the proposal includes a complete re-writing of the third volume. It is not a mere compilation that is contemplated.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : From the answer given, am I to understand that no additional amount will be required for the purpose. If we now vote upon this Rs. 5,000 and odd and if any further amount is necessary, will we not be committing ourselves to vote for additional amount also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : If the House thinks that more amount is necessary and it is worthwhile, I hope the House will vote.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*) : May I know whether Government propose to utilise the services of a retired officer for the purpose ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I disallow that question because Mr. George has not said whether it will be an officer in the service or not who will be appointed for the work.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The work consists in compiling and rewriting the manual and for that purpose it is not possible to get the work done without having a special officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know how the proposed amount of Rs. 5,000 and odd is to be distributed ? What part of it will be given to the Special Officer and what part to the other staff?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Is Mr. Thanu Pillai in order in asking that question?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question is already answered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Sir, I wish to know how this amount will be divided. What portion of it will be given to the Special Officer?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The member who talks becomes *functus officio* so to speak as soon as the time runs out, and in this case he has also sat down before Mr. Thanu Pillai put the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, in supporting the motion, I should like to make an important suggestion with regard to the second demand under land revenue *viz.*, about the appointment of a Special Officer for the revision of the Land Revenue Manual. I would request the Government that it is absolutely necessary that a gentleman who is in service and who has got knowledge in revenue matters should be appointed as the Special Officer for the reason that the Government shall have absolute control over the officer concerned and for the early completion of a manual.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Does the member think that the Government will have no control over a retired officer ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Government cannot have complete control over the retired officer.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know what the member means by complete control and incomplete control?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Certainly I will explain.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair, you have not got the right of explainiug the meaning of ordinary words.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): But should not the member explain so as to make himself quite clear?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen who come here and participate in the discussions, it is presumed, have a working knowledge of English words and phrases. I certainly cannot allow the explanation of ordinary English words used in the course of the discussion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സർ, ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂ മാന്വൽ നവീകരണാർത്ഥം ഒപ്പുവച്ച ശുപാർശകൾ അനുവദിക്കണമെന്ന ഈ സഭയുടെ അംഗീകരണത്തിനായി ഹാജരാക്കീട്ടുള്ള അഭ്യർത്ഥന അനുവദനീയമാണോ അല്ലയോ എന്നു നിർണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതിനു ആസ്പദമായചില സംഗതികൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറുദ്യോഗസ്ഥനിന്നും അറിയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ സംഗതികളെസംബന്ധിച്ചു തൃപ്തികരമായ ഉറപ്പു ലഭിക്കാത്തപക്ഷം ഈ അഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ എതിർക്കുന്നതിനു ഞാൻ നിർബന്ധിതനാണെന്നുകൂടി അറിയിച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ മറ്റു പലേ തുറകളിൽനിന്നും ആളുകളെ എടുത്തുവരുന്ന സമ്പ്രദായംകൊണ്ടു ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ പ്രോത്സാഹനം ലഭിക്കാതെ നിരാശയുടെ വശംവദരാകുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്കു സ്വാഭാവികമായി നിരാശമൂലം സംഭവിക്കുന്ന ഈദൃശദുഷ്യങ്ങളുടെ ഫലാനുഭവക്കാർ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾതന്നെ ആയിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ തൽപരിഹാരാർത്ഥം ന്യായമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു് അവരുടെ കർത്തവ്യനിർവ്വഹണത്തിനു കൂടുതൽ ഔൽസുക്യം നൽകേണ്ടതു് അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമായിട്ടുള്ളതാകുന്നു. ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂ മാന്വൽ യഥായോഗ്യം നവീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു ശരിയായ പരിജ്ഞാനവും പരിചയവും വൈദഗ്ധ്യവുമുള്ള ആളുകൾ ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽതന്നെ തഹസീൽദാരന്മാരായി ഇരിപ്പുണ്ടു്. ഇനിയും ഈ ജോലി നിർവഹിക്കുന്നതിനു തഹസീൽദാരന്മാർ പോരെന്നു കരുതുന്നപക്ഷം ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു സമർത്ഥന്മാരായ ഡിവിഷണൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറന്മാർതന്നെ ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഉണ്ടു്. വിഹിതമെന്നു തോന്നുന്നപക്ഷം ആ വഴിൽനിന്നും ഒരാളിനെ നിയോഗിക്കാവുന്നതാണു്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether he is anxious that the manual should be a proper document or is he interested in the personnel of the man who is to prepare the manual?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I rise to a point of order. Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai should have put the question in Malayalam when he member was speaking in that language.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon* I) : The language which speak in this House is English. So I am entitled to put the question in English. My friend is therefore wrong in raising a point of order.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സക്കാർമുതൽ അനാവശ്യമായി ചെലവുചെയ്യാതെ ജോലി കഴിയുന്നതു ഭംഗിയായും സർവ്വീസിലുള്ളവർക്കു നിരാശയുടെ ഹേതുവാകാതേയും നടക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ് എന്റെ ആഗ്രഹം.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): തഹശീൽദാർക്കുള്ള ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്താൽ നല്ല പരിചയമുള്ള ഒരു പെൻഷൻഡു പേഷ്ക്കാരെത്തന്നെ ഈ ജോലി നിർവഹിക്കുന്നതിനു കിട്ടുമെങ്കിൽ അതല്ലേ നല്ലതു?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : അശേഷംഅല്ല. അതിലുള്ള ദോഷങ്ങളാണു ഞാൻ പറയുവാൻ പോകുന്നതു്. സർവീസിൽനിന്നും ആരെയെങ്കിലും ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു നിയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതിനുപകരം പെൻഷൻപറ്റി സർവ്വീസിൽനിന്നും പിരിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള ആരേയൊ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു ആലോചനയുള്ളപ്രകാരം അറിയുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഇതു് ഒട്ടുംതന്നെ ആശാസ്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു നയമല്ല. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനം സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള കേംവികഠം കാലവിളംബമന്യേ യഥാർത്ഥമായി പരിണമിച്ചുകാണുന്നതുകൊണ്ടുമാത്രമാണ് ഇപ്രകാരം പ്രസ്താപിക്കുന്നതു്. ഒന്നാമതായി പെൻഷൻപറ്റിയ ആളിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം റവന്യൂ മാന്വൽ നവീകരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ജോലി കഴിയുന്നതു വേഗം അവസാനിപ്പിക്കണം എന്നുള്ള താല്പര്യം ഇല്ലാതെ ആയതിനുള്ള കാലാവധി കഴിയുന്നതു ദീർഘിപ്പിച്ചു് കൂടുതൽ സംഖ്യ ശമ്പളമായി വാങ്ങുന്നതിനു് അവർ ശ്രമിക്കുമെന്നുള്ളതു് സ്വാഭാവികമാകുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : May I point out to the member that it is not stated by the member in charge that the Government are going to have either a Tahsildar or a Peishkar or an officer in service or pensioned to be appointed as the Special Officer. The point now raised is therefore hypothetical. I think detailed examination of that question need not be had.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : ഈ സംഖ്യ നിശ്ചയിച്ചതു് ഏതു മാനദണ്ഡത്തെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയാണെന്നു് ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ അതിനു് ശരിയായ് സമാധാനം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥമെമ്പർ പറയാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ തുക അനുവദിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നുള്ളതാണു് എന്റെ വാദം. രണ്ടാമതു് ഒരു വയസ്സു് പൂർത്തി—

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): A point of order, Sir. Is the member in order in pursuing the question?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I did not say that he should not speak. I said that he should not enter into details. It appears to me that he is relevant.

MR. C. V. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*): മിസ്റ്റർ വേലായുധൻപിള്ള തന്നെ "I did not hear" എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. കുഞ്ഞുരാമനും അതുതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I may be excused when I say that we are dealing with very serious business of Government. It certainly lies within the privilege of every member to take objection on grounds substantial or flimsy. We have been getting reputation for doing business in an excellent fashion (*Hear, hear*). Let us concern ourselves with the substance of things and not with mere ephemeral shadows.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): അൻപത്തഞ്ചുവയസ്സ് പൂർത്തിയായതിനുശേഷം പെൻഷൻ നൽകണമെന്നുള്ള നിയമവ്യവസ്ഥതന്നെയും അതിനുശേഷം അവർ ജോലിനിർവഹിക്കുന്നതിന് പ്രായേണ അപ്രാപ്തന്മാരായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തിന്മേലുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): പെൻഷൻഡ്യൂട്ടിയോഗസ്ഥൻതന്നെ ആയിരിക്കുമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൽ നിന്നു വ്യക്തമാകുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): കേരളിയെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയും കേരളി യഥാർത്ഥമായി പരിണമിച്ചുകാണുന്ന ആത്മക്ഷപാത്രമായ നടപ്പിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയും പറയുന്നതാണ്.

ആയതുകൊണ്ടു കാര്യക്ഷമതയ്ക്കും ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് നഷ്ടമുണ്ടാകാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുള്ളവർക്കു നിരാശയുണ്ടാകാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനും ആയി ഈ ജോലിയ്ക്കു പെൻഷൻപറ്റിയ ആരെയും നിയമിക്കാതെ സർവീസിലിരിക്കുന്ന് വിശുദ്ധനായ ഒരു തഫശീൽദാരെത്തന്നെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്ന് ഞാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കയും ഈ നിലയിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും വിശ്വാസപൂർവമായ ഒരു അഷ്വറൻസു നൽകാത്തപക്ഷം ഈ അഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ ഞാൻ ശക്തിയായി എതിർക്കുകയും ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : A point of order. The member is irrelevant. He is speaking of 55 years and so on.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Your time is up, Mr. Velayudhan Pillai.

MR EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Sir, I rise to support the motion and I am happy to do so. It is a very important problem and, as the official member has rightly stated, it is long over, due. It has been one of the standing needs as it were, that the Land Revenue Manual has not been brought up-to-date. Any practical lawyer or any educated citizen has always felt the necessity for a radical reform in the Land Revenue Manual. With regard to the officer to be appointed, I am not at all concerned with the personnel. But I am particular in this, that he should be an expert, the ablest man in Travancore, who must be put in charge of the business. It is a very serious matter, a very important matter which will affect Travancore very intimately, and personally I am not concerned whether he takes a larger number of months or is paid a big salary. The work should be done well and efficiently and the remuneration is not the sole criterion in the matter. I fully support the motion.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഞാൻ ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

DEPUTY PREISIDENT : I did not hear you.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഞാൻ ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

റവന്യൂമാന്വലിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയെപ്പറ്റി പലപ്പോഴും ഞാൻ വിചാരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു വളരെ കുഴഞ്ഞു മറിഞ്ഞു കിടക്കുന്ന ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാണ് റവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ്. ചില പ്രത്യേക സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ തീരുമാനം എന്താണെന്നു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരോടു ചോദിച്ചാൽ അവർക്കു നിശ്ചയമില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ അവരിൽ ചിലർ തന്നെ എന്നോടു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The House will now adjourn for lunch and meet again at 2 P.M.

The House rose at 1-15 P. M. and reassembled at 2 P.M.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഉത്തരവാദിത്വമുള്ളയാളുകൾ ശരിയായി കണക്കുകൂട്ടി ഒരു അഭ്യർത്ഥന ഗവണ്മെൻറിനുവേണ്ടി അവതരിപ്പിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഖണ്ഡിച്ചു മുറിച്ചു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല. അതിനാൽ എത്രയും വേഗത്തിൽ കഴിയുന്നതും ചിലവുചുരുക്കി വളരെ ഭംഗിയായി ഈ മാന്വൽ എഴുതി ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Sir, I also support the motion. It is agreed on both sides, the official and the non-official, that the preparation and publication of the Land Revenue Manual is not only quite essential but also overdue. There is no dispute as to the necessity of such a work. From the speeches that were already delivered from both sides of the House, the only question that caused some difficulty was with regard to the choice of the person. My own opinion is that the question of choosing the proper person should be left to the discretion of the Government. But we can offer some suggestions which should be borne in mind by the Government at the time of choosing the person. The question of choosing a person from the rank of a Tahsildar, a Division Assistant or a Dewan Peishkar is not the criterion that has to be taken into consideration. It is only a question of choosing the most efficient, the most experienced and the best man available and the only other thing to be considered is that he must be a Travancorean. If we have a man in Travancore with the widest experience and who has some very good reputation and much experience in the Land Revenue Department, as far as possible, he must naturally be chosen. But that choice may be left to the Government. As the work is so very urgent, it must be executed within the minimum possible time. Unlike some of the Committees that Government appoint, this officer and his staff should not be allowed to claim extensions after a time so that the work may be delayed. The work being so important, it should be finished within the minimum time possible. It is a very important work that is most useful to the public, to the lawyers and to the officers of the Land Revenue Department. Ever so many difficulties are caused to the lawyers handling land revenue cases and to officers in the Land Revenue Department. The work is so important that it must be done by a most efficient man who has the widest experience in land revenue affairs. With these observations, I support the motion.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): I support the motion moved by the Land Revenue Commissioner. As has been pointed out by the Land Revenue Commissioner and members on this side of the House, the necessity for the revised Land Revenue Manual has been keenly felt by both the officials and the non-officials. Therefore I urge Government for a speedy preparation of the Land Revenue Manual.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*) Sir, I have nothing more to add to what I have already said except that the observations made by the members on the other side of the House with regard to the selection of the man and the period for which he should be appointed will be kept in view by the Government.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The demand was made.

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